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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Recognized Word  
Registration in Accordance With Speech  
Recognition

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the final Office Action dated November 27, 2002, Applicants present the following remarks for consideration:

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 7, 2000 with claims 1-12. Applicants filed a response to a non-final Office Action, on September 18, 2002, traversing the rejections raised in that Office Action. Applicants incorporate herein by reference the remarks presented in their previous response.

In the outstanding final Office Action, the Examiner again: (1) indicated that claims 4, 8 and 12 are allowable; and (2) rejected claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,208,897 to Hutchins (hereinafter "Hutchins") in view of an IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin entitled "Using Alternate Spellings to Generate Baseforms" (hereinafter "IBM TDB").

Applicants again wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 4, 8 and 12.